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SUBJ: BERLIN ELECTIONS: FINAL RESULTS

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1. SUMMARY: PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF ELECTION, AS OF 11:30 P.M. MARCH

2. INDICATE THAT CDU HAS BECOME STRONGEST PARTY IN BERLIN. HOWEVER
SPD
AND FDP WILL FORM COALITION GOVERNMENT. OTHER PARTIES FAILED TO CLEAR
FIVE PERCENT HURDLE. END SUMMARY.

2. POLLS CLOSED ON MARCH 2 BERLIN ELECTIONS AT 6:00 P.M. AND
ALL BALLOTS COUNTED BY 11:30 P.M. FINAL RESULT, WHICH MUST BE
CONFIRMED LATER BY ELECTORAL COMMISSION, IS THAT CDU WITH 43.7 PERCENT
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OF VOTE (38.2 IN 1971) HAS EMERGED AS STRONGEST PARTY IN BERLIN.
SPD, WHICH HAD ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF 50.4 PERCENT IN 1971, RECEIVED 42
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PERCENT OF VOTE. FDP WAS REDUCED SLIGHTLY FROM 1971 PERCENTAGE (8.5)
TO 7.2 PERCENT. NEW PARTY, BUND FREIEN DEUTSCHLAND (BFD) RECEIVED
3.4 PERCENT AND SEW 1.9 PERCENT (DOWN FROM 1971 FIGURE OF 2.3 PERCENT
.
KPD AND KBW TOGETHER RECEIVED LESS THAN 0.8 PERCENT OF VOTE.

3. BECAUSE OF WORKINGS COMPLICATED BERLIN PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION
AL
SYSTEM, NEW HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (WHICH WILL CONVENE LATE
APRIL) WILL HAVE 146 SEATS AS COMPARED WITH 138 SEATS IN PRESENT
HOUSE.
CDU WILL RECEIVE 68 SEATS (14 MORE THAN AT PRESENT), SPD 67
SEATS (6 LESS THAN PRESENT), AND FDP 11 (SAME AS IN PRESENT HOUSE).
CDU THEREFORE WILL BE ABLE ELECT PRESIDENT OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE
S;
CHAIRMAN OF BERLIN CDU, PETER LORENZ (WHO WAS KIDNAPPED ON FEBRUARY
27
BY ANARCHISTS AND IS STILL IN THEIR CUSTODY) IS PARTY'S CHOICE
FOR POSITION.

4. SPD AND FDP WILL FORM COALITION GOVERNMENT, SPD CHAIRMAN
KLAUS SCHUETZ AND FDP CHAIRMAN WOLFGANG LUEDER MET BRIEFLY EVENING OF
MARCH 2 TO DISCUSS MATTER. HOWEVER, SCHUETZ AND LUEDER WILL NOT
PURSUE
FORMALLY FORMATION OF COALTION GOVERNMENT UNTIL PETER LORENZ IS FREE.

FDP STILL WANTS MINIMUM OF THREE SENATORIAL PORTFOLIOS.

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5. CDU CAPTURED SIX OF WEST BERLIN'S TWELVE BURROUGHS (THEY HAD
CONTROLLED FOUR AFTER 1971 ELECTIONS)-- ADDING TEMPELHOF (LORENZ'
DISTRICT) AND SCHOENEBERG. A CDU MAYOR OF SCHOENEBERG THEREFORE
WILL BE NEW HOST TO SPD-FDP COALITION GOVERNMENT, SINCE BERLIN CITY
ADMINISTRATION OCCUPIES MOST OF SPACE IN RATHAUS SCHOENEBERG.

6 AT LEAST FIVE SENATORS IN PRESENT GOVERNMENT LOST DIRECT MANDATES:
STOBBE-FEDERAL AFFAIRS, REICHEL-FAMILY, YOUTH AND SPORT; RIEBSCHALAEG

ER-
BUILDING AND HOUSING; LIEHR-LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS; AND KORBER-
JUSTICE HOWEVER, ALL WILL RECEIVE INDIRECT MANDATES THROUGH
SELECTION FROM PARTY LISTS. (KORBER, WHO HAS ANGERED FDP LEADERS
DURING
ELECTION CAMPAIGN, PROBABLY WILL NOT RECEIVE SENATORIAL PORTFOLIO IN
NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT.)

7 MOST POLITICAL OBSERVERS ATTRIBUTE SPD LOSSES TO SYMPATHY
VOTE FOR CDU AS RESULT OF ABDUCTION OF PETER LORENZ. OTHER
CONTRIBUTING
FACTORS, HOWEVER, WERE INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT, DISSATISFACTION
WITH PRESENT SENAT EFFORTS TO CURB CRIME AND FOREIGN LABOR, AND
GENERAL MALAISE WITH A PARTY THAT HAS RULED IN BERLIN FOR OVER
27 YEARS. ADDITIONAL COMMENT FOLLOWS BY SEPTEL.GEORGE

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